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HOUSE RESOLUTION 42
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit in Memphis on April 10-15, 2001, and to welcome Mr. Edward Dixon as a speaker.

WHEREAS, On April 10-15, 2001, Representative Barbara Cooper and Representative Ulysses Jones, in conjunction with the Hannaian Investment and Publishing Group's Conference on Self-Controlled and Directed Investments, Bloomfield Urban Ministries and The Youth Opportunities Movement in Memphis, will host the Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit; and

WHEREAS, The Summit to be held at the Memphis Marriott, Downtown, will feature topics on Investment Training, International Trade, Issues in Education, Environmental Issues, Health and Wellness, Youth and Adolescent Culture, and will include special tributes to Henning's Alex Haley Museum, Rufus Thomas and Willie Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, A number of distinguished speakers will make presentations during the Summit, one of whom is Mr. Edward Dixon of Baton Rouge; Mr. Dixon earned his Bachelor of

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Science degree from Tennessee A & I University (now Tennessee State University) in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon studied at the Department of Biochemistry of Howard University College of Medicine in 1963-64, studied Comparative Biochemistry as relating to Mechanism of Enzyme Actions at the Foundation for Advanced Education in Sciences, Inc. in 1964-66, took a course in American Health Care and the Legal Process at the Institute for the Study of Health and Society in 1971, and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Howard University School of Law in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon has had a multi-faceted career as a biochemist and researcher, sales representative, a legal researcher and assistant, a medical legislative assistant and Coordinator/Consultant at the National Medical Association, Inc., an Adjunct Professor and Lecturer at Howard University, a Health Law Specialist and Consultant at the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects in Biomedical and Behavioral Research, and an Adjunct Professor in the Tulane University School of Public Health and the Loyola University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, During the late 1970s and early 1980s, Mr. Dixon was the Educational Coordinator/Legal Advisor to the Charity Hospital of Louisiana at New Orleans; the President of Health Research Systems and Services, Inc. in Natchitoches, Louisiana; Acting Director of the North Central Legal Assistance Corporation in Natchitoches; the Executive Director/General Counsel of Kisatchie Legal Service Corporation, Executive Director of the Capital Area Legal Services in Baton Rouge and Northwest Louisiana Legal Services, Inc. in Shreveport; Adjunct Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge; and Senior Attorney and Acting Director of Litigation for the Capital Area Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, he was General Counsel/Assistant to the President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Executive Director of the Coalition of African American Denominational Leaders of Louisiana, Inc. and project leader of the CAADLL's "Health

Promotion and Disease Prevention Demonstration Project"; since 1975, Mr. Dixon's career has been interspersed with periods in which he has been engaged in the private practice of law; since 1987, he has practiced at Edward Dixon and Associates and has been the President and CEO of Alternative Addiction Treatment Concepts, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Edward Dixon is a member of numerous professional legal organizations and a host of civic organizations, has published numerous works and articles in biochemistry, has been a presenter and panelist on health law and health issues, and is a much sought after presenter and workshop coordinator; he is the recipient of scores of honors, including fellowships in biochemistry and the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association's "Gold Key Award"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon's honors also include a Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Scholarship, Clerk of the Court-Trial Practice and Clerk of the Court-Appellate Practice at Howard University School of Law, service as Graduate Student Representative on Howard University's Board of Trustees, membership on the Louisiana Mental Health Advisory Board, membership on the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Imports and Exports Trust Authority, and the Distinguished Lay Leadership Award of the Congress of National Black Churches, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The inclusion of the invaluable expertise of Mr. Edward Dixon will be an important ingredient in the success of the 2001 Cooper-Jones Economic and Education Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we welcome Mr. Edward Dixon of Baton Rouge to Memphis, thank him for his gracious participation in the Summit, and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer our best wishes to the hosts, presenters, attendees and other participants in the Cooper-Jones Economic and Educational Martin Luther King Commemorative Summit for a productive and enlightening conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.